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SUBJECT: GREEK AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ

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1. GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS CALLED ON COUNSELOR NIMETZ JAN 19 TO PROVIDE ACCOUNT OF RECENT VISIT TO ATHENS BY UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM. ALEXANDRAKIS NOTED THAT HE WAS NOT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO IMPART THIS INFORMATION, BUT WAS DOING IT IN RETURN FOR THE READOUT NIMETZ HAD PROVIDED ON THE WALDHEIM STOP IN ANKARA (REFTEL).

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2. ALEXANDRAKIS DESCRIBED THE GREEK UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WALDHEIM INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH RECONVENING THE CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL SUBMIT TO THE SEC GEN CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON CONSTITUTION AND TERRITORY, INCLUDING A MAP. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF THESE PROPOSALS, WALDHEIM WILL CONSULT WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES AND, IF HE CONCLUDES THAT THE NEW PRO-

POSALS OFFER A BASIS FOR CONVENING THE TALKS, HE WILL DO SO. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID WALDHEIM EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE TO RESTART THE TALKS IN EARLY MARCH.

3. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID THE GOG REITERATED TO WALDHEIM IN

ATHENS THAT IT HOPED THAT THE RENEWED TALKS WOULD LEAD TO AN EARLY SOLUTION, BUT THAT SPEED SHOULD NOT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF SUBSTANCE. IT WAS THE GREEK POSITION THAT THE FINAL SETTLEMENT MUST PROVIDE FOR A FEDERAL AND NOT CONFEDERAL ARRANGEMENT, AND RESPECT THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE MOVEMENT, FREE SETTLEMENT AND THE FREEDOM TO ACQUIRE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY. HE NOTED THAT WALDHEIM HAD EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT THE TURKISH SIDE MIGHT HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT APPLICATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES, AT LEAST INITIALLY.

4. ALEXANDRAKIS STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSALS EVENTUALLY SUBMITTED BY THE TURKISH SIDE SHOULD NOT BE PUT FORWARD ON A "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT" BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH REGARD TO THE TERRITORIAL MAP, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, ASIDE FROM OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE TWO AREAS.

5. ALEXANDRAKIS SAID WALDHEIM AND GREEK OFFICIALS ALSO HAD A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS ISSUE. THIS CONTINUED TO BE MATTER OF GREAT INTEREST TO GOG IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PART BECAUSE SOME GREEK AS WELL AS GREEK CYPRIOT CASES WERE INVOLVED.

6. NIMETZ ASKED WHETHER THE WALDHEIM CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WHICH WOULD FOLLOW THE SUBMISSION OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WOULD INVOLVE GREECE AND TURKEY AS WELL AS THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES. ALEXANDRAKIS STATED HE WAS NOT CERTAIN BUT HE FELT THAT WAS THE CASE IN VIEW OF THE UNDERTAKING TO CONSULT THE "INTERESTED PARTIES". HOWEVER, THE ACCOUNT FROM ATHENS WAS NOT SPECIFIC ON THAT POINT.

7. NIMETZ WONDERED WHETHER, WITH THE PROSPECT OF A TURKISH CYPRIOT MAP, THE GREEK CYPRIOT MAP TABLED IN VIENNA LAST SPRING WOULD STILL SERVE ALSO AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. IT WAS ALEXANDRAKIS' OPINION THAT BOTH MAPS WOULD BE USED ONCE NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN.

8. NIMETZ TOLD ALEXANDRAKIS THAT SEN. RIBICOFF HAD TOLD DEPARTMENT OFFICERS OF THE STRONG POSITIVE IMPRESSION HE HAD GAINED IN THE MEETING LAST WEEK HE AND FOUR OTHER SENATORS HAD WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS. RIBICOFF HAD ALSO INDICATED HE HAD USEFUL PRIVATE TALK WITH FOREIGN

MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS. THE ENTIRE SENATORIAL DELEGATION HAD FOUND THEIR ATHENS STOP VERY PRODUCTIVE AND USEFUL. (RIBICOFF ALSO NOTED TO DEPTOFFS JAN 18 THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH ECEVIT AND HAD CONVEYED THIS IMPRESSION TO PAPALIGOURAS AND HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM IDEA OF HIS HAVING EARLY, QUIET DISCUSSION WITH TURKISH FOREIGN

MINISTER OKCUN AS A PRUDENT FIRST STEP TOWARD A POSSIBLE ECEVIT-CARAMANLIS SUMMIT.)

9. NIMETZ NOTED THERE HAD BEEN SPECULATION IN THE GREEK PRESS CONCERNING THE INTENT OF SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO TURKEY AND GREECE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TRIP WAS IN NO WAY DESIGNED TO DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. CONFIDENTIAL

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ALEXANDRAKIS NOTED THAT ON JANUARY 18 GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED A STRONG STATEMENT (ATHENS 547) COUNTERING CHARGES IN THE GREEK PRESS AND BY THE OPPOSITION THAT CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WAS SUBMITTING ITSELF TO PRESSURE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE BY ALLOWING VANCE TO VISIT ATHENS. CHRISTOPHER

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